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Dear Ruggero,

I have your letter of April 5th and acknowledge it with great delight on my own part. I would be deeply gratified and honored to receive the degree of Laurea in Medicina.

Unfortunately it is quite impossible for me to include a trip to Turin in mid October. It is not just a question of travel funds which Luca was in fact happy to help arrange under our inter-university agreement.

So what can I do now to respond to your interest? Can the degree be awarded in absentia? Or is it possible to defer the award until some future time, for the moment unspecified, when I could appear in person.

Again my deep thanks for the support you have given to this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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